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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: DRAFT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR INITIAL COMPUTER R AND D FUNDING

1. A NEW STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU) PROBABLY WILL
BE REQUIRED TO COVER THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
(COMPUTER R AND D) ENDORSED BY DEFENSE MINISTERS AT THEIR
DEFENSE PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 1977
(SEE SEPTEL REVIEWING OPTIONAL APPROACHES). THE FOLLOWING
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TEXT IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INITIAL
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR A US-NATO STANDARD AWACS
PROGRAM.

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING IS

TO ESTABLISH A JOINT FUND TO COVER COOPERATIVE INITIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH A JOINT US - NATO STANDARDIZED CONFIGURATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH AWACS PROGRAMS. PARTICIPATION IS OPEN TO ALL NATO GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO SYSTEM PROCUREMENT. TASKS WILL BE APPROVED BY THE CNAD HIGH

LEVEL GROUP (HLG) ON AEW AND C. EXPENDITURES WILL BE COMMITTED AGAINST AVAILABLE FUNDS.

2. THE FOLLOWING NATIONS HAVE AGREED TO PREFINANCE COSTS, SUBJECT TO LEGAL AVAILABILITY IN THE AMOUNTS SHOWN:

NATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

(LIST) (LIST)

(NATIONAL SHARES LISTED)

REMAINING PREPARATORY PHASE FUNDS MAY ALSO BE APPLIED TO ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THIS SOU, AND CREDITED AS CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE NATIONS IN QUESTION.

3. ON THE DECISION TO ACQUIRE AN AWACS SYSTEM FOR NATO, ALL PREFINANCED EXPENDITURES WILL BE CREDITED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPATING NATIONS' SHARES OF THE ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTICIPATING NATO GOVERNMENTS, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRACT FOR APPROVED ACTIVITIES, BASED ON A STATEMENT OF WORK JOINTLY APPROVED BY THE NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) UNDER HLG DIRECTION AND BY THE USAF E-3A SPO. THE NAPO WILL BE VESTED WITH AUTHORITY TO SIGN NECESSARY NATO DOCUMENTATION, ALLOCATE FUNDS, AND MAKE PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTING AGENCIES, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY THE HLG.

5. FUNDS FROM THE PREFINANCING NATIONS WILL BE REQUESTED BY THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER FOR PAYMENT (IN U.S. DOLLARS) INTO A NATO ACCOUNT, AS APPROPRIATE.

6. (PARAGRAPHS 10 THROUGH 15 FROM THE EXISTING PREPARATORY PHASE SOU MAY BE INCLUDED HERE, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING WORD CHANGES:

A. PARA 12, CHANGE FOURTH LINE TO READ QUOTE A NATO AWACS PROGRAMME (OR OTHER AWACS PROGRAMMES UNDER COGNIZANCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT) USING ANY INVENTION

AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ... UNQUOTE.

B. PARA 15, LAST LINE, CHANGE QUOTE PARAGRAPH 5
UNQUOTE TO READ QUOTE PARAGRAPH 2. UNQUOTE.

12. THIS SOU WILL TAKE EFFECT AFTER IT HAS BEEN
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2
ABOVE, AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION OF A
PROCUREMENT DECISION OR MUTUALLY AGREED TERMINATION,
EXCEPT THAT PROVISIONS ON INDUSTRIAL RIGHTS AND
SECURITY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. END TEXT.

3. PURPOSE OF THE ABOVE LANGUAGE IS TO SIMPLIFY AND
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SHORTEN TEXT WHERE PRACTICAL, AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT A
COOPERATIVE R AND D PROGRAM BETWEEN THE US AND OTHER
NATO ALLIES, ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. AND NATO AWACS PRO-
GRAMS (BOTH SEPARATELY AND COLLECTIVELY) REQUIRES A
JOINT APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING AND CONTROL OF
ACTIVITIES.

4. REQUEST NAPO BE INVITED TO DISTRIBUTE THIS DRAFT
TEXT TO NATIONS AS EARLY AS PRACTICAL, SO THAT IT MAY
RECEIVE DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF NATIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES. WHILE DISCUSSION IN THE HLG MAY ALSO BE
BENEFICIAL, EARLY CONSUMMATION BY MINISTERIAL
REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE TO
INITIATION OF ACTIVITIES.

5. REQUEST NAPO ALSO BE INVITED TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT
TO THE PREPARATORY PHASE SOU, SHOULD THAT COURSE OF
ACTION SUFFICE.

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